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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

HABEEB SALEEM,

Plaintiff

Civil Action No. 1:CV-01-0181

v.

Judge Caldwell ____

MARTIN F. HORN, et al.,

(Magistrate Judge Smyser)

Defendants

DEFENDANTS' OBJECTIONS TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE SMYSER'S REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION TO REMAND THIS MATTER TO THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY

Defendants, by and through their attorney, Victoria S. Freimuth, Assistant Counsel, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, in accordance with Local Rule of Court 72.3, hereby object to Magistrate Judge Smyser's Report and Recommendation dated February 6, 2001, in that Defendants' removal of this matter should be denied.

REPORT OF MAGISTRATE:

"Based on the foregoing, it is recommended that this case be remanded to the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania."

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WHEREFORE, Defendants respectfully request that the Court, the reasons cited in the brief in support of these objections, grant the Defendants' removal of this matter to Federal Court.

Respectfully submitted:

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Dated: February 16, 2001

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day forwarding a true and correct copy of the foregoing Defendants' Objection to Magistrate Judge Smyser's Report and Recommendation to Remand this Matter to Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County upon the person(s) in the manner indicated below:

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